Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitut	e for form 1449A/PTC	)			Complete if Known
				Application Number	
INFC	RMATION	DIS	CLOSURE	Filing Date	8 October, 2003
STA	TEMENT B	Y A	PPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Masashi Goto et al.
				Art Unit	
	(Use as many she	ets as	necessary)	Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	2204-10-3

			U.S. PATENT	OCUMENTS	
Examiner	Cito	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant
Initials *	Cite No.1	Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US-			
	<u> </u>	US-			
		US-			
	1	US-			
		US-			

		FOREIGN PA	TENT DOCU	MENTS		
Examiner	Cite	Foreign Patent Document	Publication	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
Initials*	No.1	Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
	1	08-111297	04/30/1996	Tokyo Electron LTD		
			<u> </u>			
			ļ			
						<u> </u>
	<del> </del>					

Signature Considered
----------------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Nich of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.